

Governor who is looking for the best people he can find to serve. Those people don't have to campaign for that particular job. They don't have to look to existing license holders out there in the liquor industry for contributions to secure a position on the Liquor Control Commission. But what this bill is going to do is it's going to bring the liquor industry, particularly existing license holders that don't want new licenses to be issued in their area into local political campaigns with a vengeance. We're going to see contributions from license holders to the city council races in Omaha, to the city council races in Lincoln, to the council races, to the governing board races all across the State of Nebraska where they currently have no interest in doing that. And I ask you, is that in the public interest to set up a situation, a circumstance that's going to do that? And I'm not saying that we're going to have wholesale corruption, that we're going to have wholesale indictments and information filed against public officials across Nebraska, but I can guarantee you, if we have this system for ten years, in the next ten years you're going to see some isolated instances of officials taking bribes, of officials promising issuance of liquor licenses in exchange for a campaign contribution and it's going to turn out in the end that this Legislature is going to go back to the system we have now before too long. Let's take another broad brush policy issue that I'd like you to think about and this is the "Sin City Syndrome". Now think about the Sin City Syndrome that this is going to set up the opportunity to apply. Now we have a little bit of that up in Omaha right now because across the river in Council Bluffs, you know, we have a big pornographic market, we have other sort of little things that are set up to attract Omaha citizens across the river. For a little while we had some gambling interests down in Bellevue that were set up in order to sort of play against the Omaha market. Well, look at the potential for that when you have a local control liquor license bill of this sort on the books. Let's just say hypothetically that the city fathers of Lincoln, Mayor Luedtke and Councilman Hampton and others decide that, as I understand from Senator Landis, are going to decide that we should have tight application of liquor licenses in Lincoln. You know, we're going to be careful, it's a university city, we don't want to have that much availability of liquor licenses so we're going to tighten things up. Now, look at the opportunity that is going to establish for some outlying little community around Lincoln and they're going to say to themselves, now look, we've got this tightened up situation in Lincoln, let's take advantage of that. So what we'll do is we'll put a bar on every street corner and